Federal Mission:

- To maintain well-trained, well-equipped units available for prompt mobilization during war and provide assistance during national emergencies (such as natural disasters or civil disturbances) …
- … to perform missions that include promoting democratic ideals…

State Mission:

- When ARNG units are not mobilized or under federal control, they report to the governor of their respective state…
- … provides protection of life, property and preserves peace, order, and public safety. These missions are accomplished through emergency relief support during natural disasters; search and rescue operations; support to civil defense authorities; maintenance of vital public services, and counterdrug operations.

FY 07 Military Education Benefits

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Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA)

- a.k.a. Army Continuing Education System (ACES)
- Payable to any accredited school within the U.S.
- Payable from 3 sources depending on status of WVARNG member.

  1. Bob Anderson at Ft. Detrick
  301-619-4537
  2. Mobilizing Station
  3. WV Army Education Office
  CPT Webb 304-561-6366

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- Montgomery GI Bill
- Bonuses and Loan Repayments

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The WV Army National Guard not only provides educational opportunities, but also provides skills and training that are world-class.

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Getting additional money for college has never been easier for soliders and their families! See these resources for additional information.

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Tuition Assistance

West Virginia has one of the most comprehensive tuition assistance programs in the United States . We will cover up to **100% of the cost of tuition** for private high schools, vocational schools, associate, bachelors, and masters degrees. In some instances, we can even pay up to 100% for a soldier to pursue an M.D., D.O., P.A., or J.D.

We have federal tuition assistance of up to **100% for under graduate and 75% for graduate degrees** with limits of $250 per semester hour, $167 per quarter hour, and $16.66 per clock hour up to $4,500 per year. Additionally, we have the West Virginia Educational Encouragement Program (WVEEP), which will cover up to 100% of the cost of tuition for undergraduate, in-state schools. WVEEP is also used to offset the remaining 25% for the cost of masters degrees. See the following resources for additional information.

- State Tuition Assistance Application (WVEEP) Online
  - How to complete an application for State Tuition Assistance (PDF - 32kb)
- Virtual Armory.com for federal tuition assistance
  - How to complete an online application for federal tuition assistance (PDF - 636kb)

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Federal Tuition Assistance

- Over $597,700 in FY 06 for traditional guardsmen.
- Pays for tuition and some fees (matriculation, registration).
- Processed 100% online at www.virtualarmory.com.
- Pays for undergraduate, graduate, and doctorate level within certain restrictions.

- Mandatory grade reporting
- Funding for doctorate degrees for ARNG.
- Funding for graduate/doctorates for ANG.

College Level Testing

Or How to Earn a Four-year Degree in One Year

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Who Can Test?

Military members, military spouses and DA civilian employees - are eligible for free DANTES and CLEP testing. Also, military members may be eligible for testing or reimbursement for ECE, ACT, SAT, GRE, GMAT, LSAT, Praxis, and many certification and licensure examinations. You can find more information about these testing opportunities at http://www.dantes.doded.mil/ or by contacting the WVARNG Education Officer at 304.561.6366.

Where can they test?

There are two Military testing sites in West Virginia (130th AW and JFHQ) where military members, DA civilians, and military spouses can test for free. There are also numerous national testing centers around the state (usually in colleges and universities) where CLEP tests are administered by electronic computer-based testing (eCBT). National Test Centers can be located using the National Test Center Search Website.

There is a test scheduling fee of $15-$25 at National Test Centers, but the $55 cost per test is covered by DANTES. The advantages of eCBT testing include same-day scoring and better accessibility. 30 of the 44 CLEP tests are offered only through eCBT.

Are study guides available?

Study guides are available for every test that is administered through the Army education office. Many of these are now available online at www.petersons.com/army . You may also view DANTES (DSST), Excelsior (ECE), and CLEP study guides by clicking on the links below:

- DANTES (DSST)
- Excelsior (ECE)
- CLEP
- Additional Study Guides

What happens if I fail?

There is no penalty for failure of a CLEP, DSST, or ECE test other than you must wait 180 days before you retake the same test. There are 323 college hours that can be passed through testing, so this is a really great benefit that is often underutilized.

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- DANTES
- Additional Study Guides

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Additional Study Guides

Press Release - SAT/ACT Training Sponsorship

March2Success
Teaches basic English and Math skills common to all standardized tests, as well as practice tests for college entrance exams. In addition, it provides training in test-taking strategies and problem solving skills.

Free Ed.Net
Contains free courses and study materials for numerous subjects, which can be utilized by soldiers, spouses, and dependents.

Purplemath.Com
Purplemath's algebra lessons are free and emphasize the practicalities rather than the technicalities, demonstrating dependable techniques, warning of likely "trick" questions, and pointing out common mistakes. The lessons are cross-referenced to help you find related material.

Office.microsoft.com
Useful training regarding Microsoft Office for our soldiers, employees, and their families.

Army Library Education Center
CLEP, ASVAB, ACT, GED, GRE, and SAT practice tests are available free a http://www.petersons.com/ARMY/

Armystudyguide.com
Study guides for numerous Army Training Courses are available free at http://www.armystudyguide.com/

- AARTS Transcript
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- Education Support Center (ESC)

College and Career Opportunities

Military Guides Online
This site contains the ACE college credit recommendations for various military schools for all 5 branches of military service.

Education Planner for WV
This website can help you find a career, choose a college, university, or career school, apply and pay for postsecondary education. It also includes great practice tests and a resume builder.

College for WV
This website contains valuable information about preparing, applying, and paying for college, and has detailed information about WV institutions.

National Military Family Association
NMFA has introduced a comprehensive education and employment resource center for spouses and children of United States military services. You'll find resources, links, scholarships, employment information, as well as education opportunities and more.

Work Study Positions
Earn money working flexible hours in the Army Education Services office while you are attending college.

Helmets to Hardhats
This organization helps provide information and place National Guardsmen, Reservists, and Active Duty Members in jobs in the building and contruction trades.

Troops to Teachers
This organization provides referral assistance and placement services to military personnel interested in beginning a second career in public education as a teacher.

AARTS Transcript
Your military training is worth college credit.

Education Support Center (ESC)
The ARNG ESC will help students build a perso
consolidating college credit from military trainin
independent study courses, and traditional college courses.

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eDiscover
eDiscover is a career and educational guidance software system available to all uniformed members, their spouses, and employees of the ARNG.

Cool.Army.Mil
Cool.Army.Mil is a website you can use to find civilian credentials related to your military occupational specialty. Learn what it takes to obtain the credentials, and see if there are available programs that will help pay credentialing fees.

GI Jobs
Career and transition information is available for military members and spouses.

Military Spouse Corporate Career Network
Non-profit program with no placement fees which posts thousands of job opportunities for military spouses.

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Education Services Mission Statement

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civilian

marketing counseling

administrative

GI Bill Benefits:

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Kicker

MGIB-SR Chapter 1606:

Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) is a federally funded program administered by the Veterans Administration (VA) for educational development of Guard/Reserve component service members. Eligible soldiers receive a maximum of 36 months of MGIB benefits for full time study. Payments are prorated for part time study. For additional information visit their web site at

MGIB-SR Chapter 1606:

The MGIB-SR program may be available soldiers who are a member of the Selected Reserves, which includes the Army National Guard, and the Air National Guard. Here are some of the benefits:

-10 years of eligibility, 14 yrs eligibility after Oct 1, 1992

-36 months of benefits (for full time study).

-Associate, Bachelor, Masters, and Doctoral degrees.

-Vocational Training.

-Independent Training.

-OJT/Apprenticeship Programs.

-Eligible for VA Work study.
****No "Pay In" involved like the Active Duty GI Bill….**

MGIB-SR Chapter 1606:

Requirements:

-Be an active drilling member of the ARNG.

-Enlist, reenlist, or extend in the ARNG for a period of not less than 6 years. If you are an officer, you must agree to serve 6 years (DA form 5447-R) in addition to any current obligation.

-High School graduate or equivalent.

-Complete Basic and Advance Individual Training, (AIT). If you are an officer and were under the OCS enlistment, you must complete OBC.

-Must obtain a Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE) form from their component's GI Bill Manager.

MGIB-AD Chapter 30

MGIB-AD has proven to be extremely popular among young people enlisting in the services. 94.8 percent of those who enlisted in service in Fiscal Year 1996 enrolled in the program. 75.7 percent of all enlistees since the inception of the program have enrolled.

The following briefly summarizes major MGIB provisions:

-Served on active duty after June 30, 1985.
-Served at least 2 yrs on active duty consecutively.
-Must fulfill one's basic service obligation.
-Must have completed high school.
-Received an honorable discharge.
-Maximum entitlement is 36 months for full time study.
-Additional "kicker" as determined by DOD.
-Generally must use benefits within 10 years following discharge.

Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP)

REAP was established as a part of the Ronald W. Regan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005. It is a new Department of Defense education benefit program designed to provide educational assistance to members of the Reserve components called or ordered to active duty in response to a war or national emergency (contingency operation) as declared by the President or Congress. This new program makes certain individuals who were activated after September 11, 2001 either eligible for education benefits or eligible for increased benefits

MGIB Kicker Info:

The MGIB Kicker is an additional benefit to the GI Bill that soldiers may be eligible for at the time of enlistment and re-enlistment. Eligibility varies according to the soldier's status.

Non Prior Service:	($200.00)
Prior Service: ($200.00)	
Current ARNG Soldiers:	($200.00)
Officer Candidates and SMP's:	($350.00)

Other VA Benefits

eral Benefits for Veterans and Dependents - A listing of all VA benefits.

The 2005 edition of this booklet lists the variety of federal benefits available to veterans and their dependents. Selecting the link above will take you to a PDF version of the booklet. VA's Office of Public Affairs (OPA) maintains this booklet. You may also wish to review other features of the OPA web site by clicking: http://www1.va.gov/opa/

eterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP)

VEAP is available if you first entered active duty between January 1, 1977 and June 30, 1985 and you elected to make contributions from your military pay to participate in this education benefit program. Your contributions are matched on a $2 for $1 basis by the Government. This benefit may be used for degree and certificate programs, flight training, apprenticeship/on-the-job training and correspondence courses. Remedial, deficiency, and refresher courses may be approved under certain circumstances

National Call to Service

This National Call to Service Incentive program requires a participant to perform a period of national service to be eligible for benefits. It is a Department of Defense program that is administered by VA.

Accelerated Payment for MGIB-AD

An accelerated payment is a lump sum payment of 60% of tuition and fees for certain high cost, high tech programs. To qualify, you must be enrolled in a high tech program and you must certify that you intend to seek employment in a high tech industry as defined by VA. Accelerated payment is paid instead of Montgomery GI Bill benefits that you would otherwise receive.

Tuition Assistance "Top-Up"

On October 30, 2000, the President signed into law an amendment to the Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty education program that permits VA to pay a Tuition Assistance Top- up benefit. The amount of the benefit can be equal to the difference between the total cost of a college course and the amount of Tuition Assistance that is paid by the military for the course.

Licensing and Certification

You can receive reimbursement for licensing and certification tests you take on or after March 1, 2001. These tests must be specifically approved for the G.I. Bill. VA can pay only for the cost of the tests and not other fees connected with obtaining a license or certification. Organizations providing tests can obtain a supply of a VA Pamphlet explaining this benefit by clicking:
http://www.gibill.va.gov/education/LNC%20Brochure.pdf

Entrepreneurship Training

Are you interested in starting your own business? Would you like to learn how to get started? Or are you a current business owner who wants to learn how to boost your small business operation?
As a service member or veteran you now have an opportunity to use your education benefits to learn how to start or enhance a small business.

Work-Study Program

This program is available to any student receiving VA education benefits who is attending school three-quarter time or more. An individual working under this program may work at the school veterans' office, VA Regional Office, VA Medical Facilities, or at approved State employment offices. Work-study students are paid at either the state or Federal minimum wage, which ever is greater. If you have questions on this program contact our toll-free number **1-888-442-4551**.

Tutorial Assistance Program

Tutorial assistance is available if you are receiving VA educational assistance at the half-time or more rate and have a deficiency in a subject making tutoring necessary. If you have questions on this program please contact our toll-free number **1-888-442-4551.**

Questions??

WV ARNG Education Website:
www.wv.ngb.army.mil/education

GI Bill Website:
www.gibill.va.gov/

Bonus & Educational Loan Repayment Programs
NGR 600-7

SFC John A. Smith,
Incentive Manager
304-561-6354
DSN 623-6354

- $15,000 Non-Prior Service, Specific Military Occupational Specialties (30 MOS’s)
- $3,000-$8,000 Non-Prior Service, Non-Specific MOS’s
- $15,000 Non-Prior Service, CASP
- $7,500 Prior Service, 3 years
- $20,000 Prior Service, 6 years

Reenlistment Bonuses

- $7,500 1st 3 year
- $6,000 2nd 3 year
- $15,000 6 year

Student Loan
Repayment Program
(SLRP)

Offered to all Critical Skill MOS’s at enlistment.

All Federally Insured Student Loans Qualify

Some soldiers eligible at reenlistment.

SLRP Benefit

- Up to $20,000 paid on existing student loans
- 15% of original loan, paid per year
- Paid on anniversary of enlistment

Health Professional Loan Repayment Program (HPLRP)

Offered to all medical doctors and dentists at enlistment.

Sometimes specialty nurses qualify at enlistment

HPLRP Benefit

- Up to $50,000 paid on medical student loans
  - $20,000 paid 1st year
  - $20,000 paid 2nd year
  - $10,000 paid 3rd year
- Paid on anniversary of enlistment

State Tuition Assistance

Ms. Kathy Kidd
Phone:304-561-6306
Fax: 304-561-6307
Kathy.kidd@wv.ngb.army.mil

State Tuition Assistance

- a.k.a WV Educational Encouragement Program (WVEEP).
- Open to WV Air or Army guardsmen seeking an associate, bachelors, or vocational training.
- Army National Guard may receive up to 25% of tuition paid by WVEEP towards a masters degree.
- Covers some fees associated with education.

WVEEP

- Paper forms are no longer acceptable
- Accredited schools in WV only.
- Deadline of 1 Aug, 20 Dec, and 15 Apr for applications to be submitted.
- Billing for past fiscal years not possible out of FY 2007 money.
- Can be used with WV Higher Ed books.

WVEEP Facts

- Must maintain favorable academic standing.
- Based on funds availability.
- Student’s responsibility to notify me of any changes in status.
- Student must be in guard from start of classes.
- Out-of-state WVNG members get in-state rates.
- Not payable until student completes basic training.

WVEEP Facts Continued

- MUST provide a copy of grades, GPA, and hours completed IMMEDIATELY.
- Expiration Term of Service (ETS) causes recoupment.
- Before 140 hours student should complete degree.
- Summer term is authorized, based upon eligibility.
- Distance learning courses should not exceed amount paid for campus courses. If so, student may have to use FTA.
- Students not meeting suspense date must submit letter of justification for lateness.

Promise Scholarships

- Payment made to student for tuition only.
- Payment not made to the school.
- Cannot be signed by school until class sessions start.

Graduate WVEEP

- Covers 25% of tuition up to a semester limit.
- Student must also be receiving benefits through ACES (FTA) to be eligible.
- Only program we cover non-stop (18 months).